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Dear Harold,

A quick note early this morning.

First, if you saw the Today Show this morn, you saw the report from Paul Duke re Gray's destruction of documents given him by Dean. I've not gotten my NYT yet this morn, but just heard more details on radio news. The docs were, in part, forged State Dept cables implicating JFK in the Diem assassination. Radio news said there were also documents re Ted Kennedy and Chappiquidick. Erlichman was present when Dean gave the "package" to Gray, but he denies he knew what was in it or that any instructions were given. This struck me as extremely important, esp. in light of other happenings that summer and your interpretation of them. Even before I heard there were EMK as well as JFK docs, my thoughts were that the only use to which these forgeries could be put would be to embarrass Teddy and harm him politically. It seems to me that the docs could never be passed as real because they'd have to proport to have been written by someone, who could deny. Still, the intent is clear. With this type of thing at that level in the admin., it seems quite plausible that Archives got the word to let Wecht in to see the pix and X-rays at that time, to further damage Teddy. What do you think?

You will be getting a copy of Indiana U.'s response to my letter offering my book to them. It's an incredible letter! There is an obvious reference to you in it. I've sent out numerous letters soliciting my book. So far, out of 9 responses received, 3 have asked to see the book, one enthusiastic. I didn't even expect that much and still have 15 replies to go. The book is currently being considered by A.S.Barnes, David McKay, and Penguin. I'm not hopeful, although the first three replies were really quick. A.S. Barnes asked for the MS overnight.

I denfinitely won't be able to come down until sometime into June, now. I got the job as research assistant, which will keep me very busy in the beginning. I arrange my own hours, so it won't be an obstacle when I do have time to visit. Also complicating things is a change of address for me. At end of May I'm moving into a house with other students on campus, and I ll be there all summer and next school year. It'll be more convenient for work, the rent is cheap, and I think it'll do me a lot of good. So, between moving from the dorms to home and then from home to house (soon to be home) and starting my job, there's no way I can make it until after I'm settled down, say the second week in June.

Got to run. My best to both of you.

Harold

PS added tonight, after reading your latest mailing: we're never going to be entirely syncronized re sending you NYT WG coverage. As you know, lately, I've been sending as soon as I can daily. I'll probably continue this as long as I can, though there'll probably been some delays in the days when I move out of dorms and get resettled. At any rate, it's really no burden on me. I have no way of knowing which days you go into town to get, so there's bound to be dupplication. It's much cheaper for me to buy 2nd copy than to Xerox, except Sunday.